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Jane Henney, M.D. Commissioner Food and Drug Administration 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 1471 Rockville, MD 20857

Dear Dr. Henney:

I understand on May 25, 1999 that Dr. Julian Whitaker, Senator Orrin Hatch, Senator Tom Harkin, and Congressman Peter Fazio petitioned the FDA for permission to use truthful health claims on the labels of nutritional supplements.

I am writing in support of their efforts. I urge you to promptly approve claims filed for saw palmetto and the symptoms of benign prostatic hyperplasia; psyllium husk seeds and the risk of heart disease; folic acid, vitamin B6 and vitamin B12 and cardiovascular disease; and vitamin E and the risk of cardiovascular disease.

I believe these natural alternatives are valuable for the purposes listed above. I can testify that my father has been helped by the saw palmetto for BPH. Please promptly and fairly consider this request.

Sincerely,

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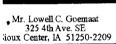
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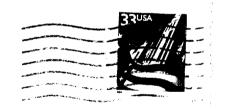
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